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Special School Committee Named To Draw AIDS Course

Twenty-two faculty members, administrators, parents of students in Dansville Central School comprise an advisory committee to review an instructional program curriculum on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

The list was presented by Donald Bartalo, schools superintendent, to the School Board at its meeting last week.

The committee, guided by a curriculum designed by the State Board of Regents, is to develop and recommend a course of study to meet the requirements set by the Regents mandating the AIDS instruction in schools state-wide.

Bartalo reported the committee members are:

Dolly Kelly, Cathy Latorella, Lynda Kemp and Debbie Langmaid, school nurse-teachers; Nancy Hussey, Elementary School principal; Mike Depew, health and physical education department chairman.

Mike McMullin, John Pitcher, Jo Henty, Ellen Mapes, Joan Stead, Margie Dombrowski, faculty members; Cindy Barton, Stephanie Post, Darla Penta, Lor-

raine Wicks, parents.

The Rev. Paul Shoop, pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Donna Dwyer, Help for Adolescent Mothers; Dr. Joan Flender; Marian Crawford and Betty Minemier, library-media specialists; and Bartalo.

Serving as chairmen of the group's subcommittees will be Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Hussey, Depew and Pitcher.

The group will have its first meeting Oct. 8 when it will break into four subcommittees by building for the initial reviewing of the proposed curriculum.

In November, subcommittee meetings will complete the review of the proposed curriculum. Those sessions are to be followed in December by a full advisory committee meeting for preparation of recommendations to be presented Jan. 12 to the School Board for its approval.

Trustees received a break-down of the district enrollment prepared by Bartalo.

He noted there are 37 intermediate care facility students attending BOCES special education programs at Holcomb in Genesee,

May Center in Mt. Morris and Keshequa in Nunda.

There are 174 students attending St. Mary's School and one attending a private school for special education; four are receiving home instruction, and 1,860 attending the public schools for a grand total of 2,076 students for which the district has responsibility.

In other business, the board:

—Appointed Lisa Jones of Genesee as half-time speech teacher in the Primary School, and Chris Spoor of Genesee, regular substitute kindergarten teacher.

—Approved a Junior High School Yorkers Club. Advisor for the new organization will be James Fiocco, Junior High social studies teacher.

—Approved two new text books for sixth grade social studies and High School Introduction to Occupations.

—Named Trustee Rose Marie Burley as delegate and Doris Conway, alternate, to the annual New York State School Boards Association convention Oct. 23-25 in Albany.

Lions Club Lists Big Sale Dates

It's fall house-cleaning time and you know exactly what that means.

As it has for years, such domestic chores coincide with the Dansville Lions Club rummage sale scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8, 9, and 10, in the Town Hall auditorium. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The Lions Club project has gained the reputation as the granddaddy of all such sales extravaganzas and members report this year's event will be no different. Hundreds of items of furniture, clothing and household goods along with a variety of other merchandise (new in some cases) will go on sale when the doors open to the public.

Keith Petti is serving as chairman of the rummage sale for the service club and Bob Carone is the assistant. Bags for contributions will be delivered to homes the weekend before the sale and will be collected on the night of Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Arrangements for advance pickup or for items requiring trucks may be made by calling Mike Blum at 335-8200, Larry Ebert at 335-3365, Terry Harris at 335-5511, Mike Depew at 335-6858 or Carone at 335-3636.

All proceeds from the rummage sale are earmarked for the club's sight and hearing conservation programs and the many other service projects carried out by Lions during the year.

Okay New Pension Plan at FW

An improved four-year pension plan retroactive to Sept. 1 was approved last Friday by Dansville employees of Foster Wheeler Energy Corp.

The agreement was ratified 89-9 during the vote taken in the Town Hall by Local 1665, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. The union represents about 200 of the 250 people employed at the local manufacturing facility.

Edward Vitolo, in charge of public relations at the firm's corporate headquarters in New Jersey, reported the agreement will increase pension benefits in a couple of areas.

He said under the program, effective Sept. 1, employees will receive a pension increased from \$16 to \$17.25 per month per year of accredited service.

In two years, effective Sept. 1, 1989, the figure will raise to \$17.75, Vitolo stated.

He cited another improvement affecting vesting rights. Effective Apr. 1, 1988, vesting of pension programs for employees will be reduced from the current 10 years to five years.

Vitolo stated surviving spouse benefits have been improved for workers who die before the age of 55. The company will now subsidize the rate table for surviving spouses.

He added that other changes and improvements were included in the agreement as well.

Pension agreements are negotiated separately from labor contracts, reported Norman Freeman, Dansville plant manager.

Company and union officials have been negotiating the pension proposal for months, he said. The previous agreement expired Aug. 31. The labor pact for Dansville employees expires in June 1989.

In another area of Foster Wheeler operations locally, about 60 laid-off employees have been called back to work since August for a \$90 million Taiwan Power Co. project that will boost employment to 300 by February.

Freeman reported an average of about 20 workers will be called back each week for the next 10 weeks. Employment is to reach 450 by mid-December and about 520 by February. It is expected to remain at that figure through most of 1988, he said.

Before the recall of laid-off workers started the employment figure stood at about 190.



WARM WEATHER WORK — Thomas Berndt was one of six Dansville youths who worked at the Groveland Correctional Facility under the Livingston County Summer Employment Program for young people. A total of 33 Dansville youths were involved in the project sponsored by a county agency.

County Program Kept Youths Busy

The Livingston County Summer Youth Employment Program has completed another successful summer in the Dansville area.

The success of the summer program at public and non-profit worksites in the Dansville Area was due to the help and cooperation of the supervisors at the sites, officials said. One of the largest sites was the Dansville school system which had 15 participants under the supervision of V.L. Babcock and his staff. These youths assisted in readying the school buildings and grounds for the coming year.

For the Village of Dansville Keith Petti and his staff supervised two youths who worked on sidewalks and other projects around the village. Mrs. Nancy Wise supervised one youth at the clerk's office.

Four young people worked at Noyes Memorial Hospital. One worked in the food service department under the supervision of Mrs. Judy Culbertson. Two other young people did clerical work under the supervision of Mrs.

Marlene Guy in the Medical Records Department and Debra Dupont in the X-ray Department. One youth worked under the supervision of the financial department staff.

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School Programs Meet Special Obligation

Some students experience difficulty learning in school due to a handicapping condition. This condition may be identified when the child is very young, or may be recognized when the child begins to have difficulty in school.

All children who have difficulty learning due to a handicapping condition are entitled to receive appropriate special education services to ensure that they have access to equal educational opportunities.

Federal law requires that all students with handicapping conditions receive a free appropriate public education. Based upon

federal requirements, the New York State legislature and Board of Regents have established rules and regulations to ensure that education will be provided which will meet the individual needs of the children.

Parents of the handicapped have the right, ensured by law, to be involved in the planning of appropriate educational services for their children. They are encouraged to work with the local school district to decide what services should be provided. They have the right to disagree with the recommendations of school officials and to seek alternative

solutions.

The Regents believe that all students with handicapping conditions should be provided with the appropriate special educational opportunities that they require to achieve the learning goals held for all pupils in the state. To meet this goal and provide a more effective and equitable delivery system for pupils with handicapping conditions, several new programs have recently been included in the amendments to State Education Law.

A new 12 month special education program for severely handicapped students who are eligible

began July. The program replaces the former system which required approval of Family Court for students to receive special education services during July and August. This program provides for local school district Committees on Special Education to determine, on an individual basis, whether the programs and services provided during the summer are needed in order to maintain the developmental levels of these pupils.

Students will be considered eligible for the 12-month education program if they have: highly intensive management needs;

severe multiple handicaps; needs that require habilitation and treatment programs; needs that can only be met in a seven-day residential program; or problems that are severe enough to exhibit the need for a structured learning environment of 12 months.

Pupils must have written parental consent and the recommendation of the committee on Special Education before initial placement into these programs can be made. Furthermore, special education services during July and August must represent a continuation of

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TARGET — Babcock Park has been the site for recent acts of vandalism prompting urgings from police to report any potential acts of vandalism. The outfield of the park's baseball field about mid-September was torn up by a small car with spinning wheels. The Vince Lombardi Football League building was vandalized and burglarized earlier in the summer. At the entrance to the park, this sign welcomes visitors and expresses how the area came into existence. The only requirement, unstipulated, is that the facility be treated with due care and consideration for the benefit of all.

Let's Keep an Eye on Park

Recent acts of vandalism in Dansville have resulted in the Police Department putting out a call to residents for assistance — to give officers additional eyes to see with and ears with which to hear.

Chief Marc Vernam recently expressed his frustration and that of officers in trying to protect property, the most recent act of destruction being at Babcock Park where, during the week of Sept. 13, spinning wheels of a small car tore up and scarred the outfield of the hardball diamond.

Another incident in June at the park resulted in vandalism and burglary at the Vince Lombardi Football League building. Entering the building, a quantity of supplies were taken including 30 new jerseys.

Vernam noted that in connection with the early summer incident, charges have been filed against a number of youths under 16 years of age.

The chief notes that the park's presence in the community as noted on the sign at its entrance was "...through the efforts of many."

"To those whose blood, sweat, pains and money that went into making the park, as we see it, now know and are deserving of the pride of a job well done," Vernam said.

Noting that the overall plan to create a multi-purpose park for the community is nearing completion, he asks, "Why do some inconsiderate persons feel it necessary to take a small car into the outfield of the hardball diamond...and proceed to spin it around and around, tearing

the sod and efforts of many out of the ground and then drive off?"

Vernam says he isn't sure what the answer is, or what security measures should be taken, or if any that he might propose would be practical.

"Should there be more police on duty, should the schools teach respect for other peoples' property or should that be in the hands of parents?" Vernam asks.

"There are many questions, but what are the answers? On behalf of the Police Department, the village has six officers to cover the village for 8,760 hours a year. We need your help, your eyes and ears," the chief said. He urged residents to call police at 335-3113 if they see something unusual or out of the ordinary taking place.